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Applicants : Ralf M. Luche and Bo Wei
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2002, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on August 6, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 28 of page 12 and continuing through page 13, line 8, to read as follows:

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A cDNA sequence encoding DSP-14 is provided in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), and the predicted amino acid sequence is provided in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2). The DSP-14 active site VHCVMGRSRSATLVLAYLM (SEQ ID NO:3), is located at positions 145 through 163 of SEQ ID NO:2. Sequence information immediately adjacent to this site was used to design 5' and 3' RACE reactions with human testis cDNA to identify a 1165 base pair cDNA that corresponds